

REMARKS

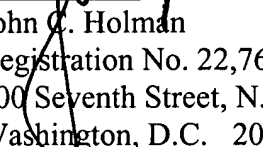
This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has required restriction grouping the claims as Group I, claims 1-14 drawn to an illuminator and Group II, claims 15-21 drawn to a method of producing an illuminator. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-14. The other claims are retained in this application pending a decision to file a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously awaited.

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